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		JP 05-108636	04-30-1993	Honma MITSURU		Yes
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NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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		CHIAKI ITO et al., "New FA Computer PROSAT 700 CS Series, Software," Yokokawa Gihou (Technology Report), Vol. 38, No. 1, January 31, 1994, pp. 27-32.	Yes

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